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Eileen S. Stommes, Deputy Administrator
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Dear Ms. Stommes,

As a concerned citizen and a mother, I write to you to express my concern over recent indications that the USDA is about to officially accept a definition of ORGANIC which would include:

- * genetically engineered organisms, agricultural inputs and processing agents
- * the use of sewage sludge in organic farming
- * irradiation in the preparation of organic foods

I do NOT want genetically engineered foods, irradiation, or sewage sludge in the definition of ORGANIC. Also, I expect ORGANIC to include humane treatment and feeding of animals, an issue which the USDA has not addressed. And finally, a certification fee structure that is accessible to small farmers must be created; otherwise, ORGANIC will have no meaning when used by the USDA.

Please consider these ideas seriously, and do not let lobbies, big agriculture business, or commercialism rob a truly great grass-roots movement.

Sincerely,

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